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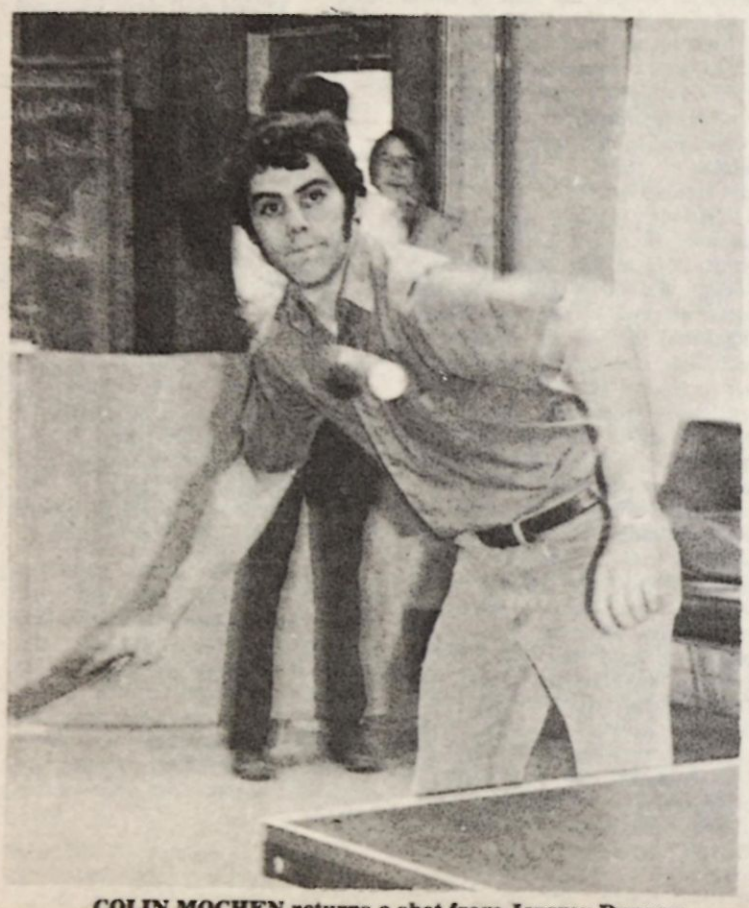

COLIN MOCHEN returns a shot from Jeremy Duncan during the ping pong marathon held last week in the student center. The local men established a new world's record for continuous play — 65 hours. — Forumfoto by Kathryn Lebert.

World Ping-Pong Record Set At Campus Center

By KATHRYN LEBERT

The world's record for playing table tennis was broken 10 o'clock Saturday morning at the Campus Center by two members of the Franklin County Table Tennis Club.

Jeremy Duncan and Colin Moschen ping ponged for 65 hours allowing only 5 minutes an hour for rest.

The ping pong table used to set the world's record will be raffled off April 8. The proceeds will sponsor a table tennis tournament and a new table for the club. The F.C.T.T.C. hopes to draw players of National rank to the area.

Prior to beginning the marathon 5 P.M. Wednesday Moschen and Duncan swept the floor or the Campus Center and set up their ping pong table.

When asked then why they were attempting the event the two said that it was a chance to set a world's record. Enthusiastically one said, "People are depending on us. A lot of things can happen if we go on."

Moschen and Duncan considered the obstacles they will have to overcome and felt they could talk each other into going on during the Marathon.

At 45 hours the players reported feeling punchy. Duncan rambled on saying, "Its crazy. It was just a joke. We never thought about it and we'll never do it again."

The marathoners lost perceptive of time and place at nights. "Best thing to fight is loneliness," Duncan said.

Friday Duncan said he felt drunk and was belligerant. Duncan noted, "Everytime I wanted to quit was before a meal."

During the last hour of the marathon the players were asked again why they made the attempt. Duncan replied, "Because we're stupid."

Moschen said, "I didn't think it would be so hard."

Financial Aid Crosses Fingers On Budget

By CHUCK LOVEN

Both financial aid director Margaret Campbell and Dean Kier have adopted a wait-and-see attitude toward President Nixon's proposed budget cuts.

They both made it clear that these budget cuts were tentative. Because the future of these various federal programs is so up in the air, it would be difficult to make any predictions concerning the effect of these proposed cuts on the school in general, they said.

Margaret Campbell expressed a fear that many students may view these Nixon proposed cutbacks as fact, and thereby not apply for funds they need to continue their education. She warns that these cutbacks are just proposals by the President and that these cutbacks are not at this time a reality.

Phillip Day's speech reflected what may happen she said if these funds are not appropriated. His figures on the amount of money the school could lose and the number of

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Nixon Budget Cuts Will Hurt Students Here

By PHILIP R. DAY, JR.

In the Fall of 1970, nearly 2,400,000 students were attending 1,070 community-junior colleges. This was four times the number of community-junior college students in 1960 and nearly twice the number of community-junior colleges.

According to the predictions of the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education, the United States will need to establish between 230 and 280 more community-junior colleges during the 1970's and, quite possibly, between 400 and 450 if existing university branches and specialized two-year institutions do not develop more comprehensive programs. At this particular time, better than 50 per cent of entering college freshmen are walking through the doors of the community-junior colleges.

Less Than 6%

All of this tremendous growth has taken place with a less than significant role being played by the federal government. Despite the recommendation of every single Presidential Study Commission on Higher Education since 1945, the federal government, while committing itself rhetorically to universal access to a higher education opportunity, has done little to encourage and strengthen states, cities and towns committed to having a two-year comprehensive institution of higher education in their backyard. In fact, up until 1971, the community colleges across the country have been, as far as the federal government is concerned, the stepchild of higher-education receiving less than 6 per cent of the total funding.

Rhetoric began to evolve into an actual financial commitment in 1968 and has finally been fully realized in the Education Amendment of 1972. Congress has legislated in these amendments an inordinate amount of financial resources for support of community colleges and occupational education.

The key Community College Title in the "Education Amendments of 1972" is Title X. It is divided into 3 parts.

Part A: provides grants to the states for the statewide planning for community colleges by a State "1202" Commission and authorizes $15.7 million to be appropriated for the period beginning July 1, 1973, and ending July 1, 1974. Grants are also authorized under Part A to assist the states and localities in establishing and expanding community colleges, including the leasing of facilities. For this Congress has authorized $50 million for fiscal 1973, $75 million for fiscal 1974 and $150 million for fiscal 1975.

Part B: authorizes $100 million for fiscal 1973, $250 million for fiscal 1974 and $500 million for fiscal 1975 for a program to promote and encourage occupational education. Funds allotted to the states may be used to assist the state in drawing up its state plan and to strengthen the State Advisory Councils on Vocational Education. Funds could also be used to design, establish and conduct programs of post-secondary occupational education and of elementary and secondary occupational preparation; to train and prepare persons to teach or administer such programs; to plan and evaluate such activities; and to lease, rent or remodel necessary facilities.

Part C: establishes within the U. S. Office of Education a Bureau of Occupational and Adult Education and a Community College Unit to administer this Title X.

Even though President Nixon was one of the chief proponents of the Education Amendments of 1972, his Federal Budget for Fy '74 provides almost no functions for the Section 1202 Commissions to perform. The community service, instructional equipment and academic facilities grant programs care being terminated, and no funding is provided to implement any of the community college or occupational education authorities referred to in the Education Amendments of 1972. As of March 7, 1973, by virtue of a memorandum from John Ottina, Acting U.S. Commissioner of Education, all activity to date of the "1202" commissions have been suspended.

The Administration's Fy '74 budget also proposes three drastic changes in current Student Financial Aid Programs:

1. Elimination of the SEOG Program. (Supplementary Educational Opportunity Grants, formerly known of EOG, Educational Opportunity Grants Program).

2. Elimination of new federal funds for the NDSL (National Direct Student Loan Program, formerly the National Defense Student Loan Program).

3. Funding of the New Basic Opportunity Grants Program.

What This Means To GCC

Perhaps it would be most helpful at this point to summarize as briefly as possible what these proposed changes would mean for Greenfield Community College in Fy '74.

1. Based on our current year experience (Fy '73) loss of the Supplementary Education Opportunity Grants Program would mean a loss of $11,280. Approximately 38 students would be affected.

2. Again based on Fy '73 experiences loss of new federal funds for the National Direct Student Loan Program would mean a loss of $8,340. Approximately 28 students would be affected. (Generally these would not be the same students as those receiving grants as indicated above.)

The administration has proposed that these programs be replaced by the new Basic Opportunity Grant Program. With full funding the Basic Opportunity Grants Program would mean that students would be eligible for a grant of $1,400, minus the amount they and their families would reasonably be expected to contribute toward their education. No grant may exceed one-half the cost of a student's education. Please note the preceding sentence.

A single, resident, dependent student at Greenfield Community College would be entitled to, but in no way guaranteed, a maximum grant of $900, assuming no family contribution. Based on a recent legislative publication, it has been estimated that the average grant, given the request of Fy '74 for the B.O.G. Program will be approximately $400. We should keep in mind that at a school as inexpensive as Greenfield Community College, the yearly estimated cost of education for a student is approximately $1,600.

Based upon the request of the Financial Aid Office for funds under NDSL and EOG for Fy 4, and the panel recommendations from the Regional Financial Aid Office in Boston, Greenfield Community College faces a loss of $48,389 in student financial aid funds. Approximately 89 students will be affected.

In addition, as of June 30, 1973 the funding for the Law Enforcement Academic Assistance Program will run out. It appears that the intent of the Administration is to include as in under the federal revenue sharing to the individual states which, dependent upon how the states view the priority of this program, leaves this program in a rather precarious state.

Veterans Benefits Cut

In the veterans' education program, the one significant cutback has been the impoundment of funds authorized and appropriated under the Cranstron Amendment. It was the intent of this amendment to provide colleges with funds to underwrite the cost-of-instruction for returning veterans, especially the educationally disadvantaged veteran, in each college showing 10 per cent increase in veterans' enrollment. These funds were to be used to ify the returning disadvantaged veteran, provide supportive counseling and remediation, and to insure that he was taking full advantage of the other veteran benefits.

Nurses Cut Out

The Nixon Fy '74 budget has all but rescinded the Nurse Training Act of 1971 which

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How Come?

Of the 340 students recommended for graduation in Tuesday's faculty meeting, it appears that only 209 are participating in graduation.

What makes participation in the graduation exercises so undesirable to 131 students? Is it the caps and gowns? If so, why didn't students voice their objections a month ago before caps and gowns were ordered? Dean Keir was waiting for student opinion. But it seemed that students who were against caps and gowns didn't speak loudly enough.

If the objection to graduation isn't caps and gowns, what is it?

Aren't you proud to be getting a degree from GCC?

Do you think it's a waste of time to go to graduation?

And, one final question: how many of you non-participators will come to the barbecue? How many will make sure they get their free tickets?

—Marianne Pazmino

BRIAN GILMORE does his thing at the recent Greaser Dance. Notice the pained expression on his face. After this number he had shooting pains in his left arm and had to retire to the bar with the 18-year-olds to recoup with a Geritol—straight up with a twist. — Forumfoto by Kathy Lebert.

Bank Dick

By ED GRIGGS

A frequenter of the Black Pussy saloon, jumps in fright finding a Negro standing behind him at the bank teller's window; retaliates against his 8-year old daughter by attempting to throw a large potted plant the size of a toilet bowl at her head — (she had bounced a small Coke bottle off his head); corrupter of children, showing them tricks with his cigarette by placing it in his ear and then nose, exhaling from strange places, till the kids are squealing with joy; then he says they'll have to wait before they learn; after all, he was nine when he started smoking.

W.C. Fields is the star in The Bank Dick. If you can be patient with the parts that are not funny, you are sure to find something that suits your humor. The stereotypes are great: All children are brats; all old ladies are senile and gentle, or mean; Negroes are scary, at first anyway; bank presidents are queer, and so on and so on.

Lederle At Little Big Horn

By MARIANNE PAZMINO

Tom Lederle, a GCC student, has been trying to make the public aware of the plight of the American Indian in today's society. He says of his campaign, "I am interested in the American Indian movement because I'm a human being and am tired of the way out country centers around materialistic values instead of human rights. My goal is to make people aware of, and concerned for the Indian's plight."

To accomplish this goal, Lederle has visited area schools and presented a film series and lecture on the American Indian. The three films, supplied by the Western Massachusetts Regional Library, deal with: 1)broken treaties, 2)Indian history and the Indian's relationship with white man, and 3)What life is like on the good reservations.

Lederle has visited South Hadley High School, Frontier Regional High School, Amherst High School, Four Corners Elementary School, and GCC. He is planning a second program in the student center at GCC on April 10.

Some statistics on the American Indian as stated by Lederle are:

1. The average life expectancy of an Indian on today's reservations in the U.S. is 40 years.

2. The suicide rate on a reservation is four times that of the ghetto.

3. One out of every four babies born on the reservation survives.

4. 1 per cent of the money given to the Bureau of Indian Affairs is actually used on the reservation.

Lederle has had some background in Indian studies, and claims to have Indian heritage. He has visited reservations in South Dakota, North Dakota, and Nevada within the past four years. These were Sioux, Navaho, Cheyanne, and Zuni Indians, and one reservation was a restricted reservation. That is, no one was allowed in or out of the reservation except by special permission

Lederle says of his project, "I'm not an expert, but if I inspire one person to get involved, then I feel I've accomplished something."

Federal Budget Cuts Would Have Local Impact

By KERRY M. JOHNSON

One of the social services in Franklin County to be affected by the proposed cuts in the Administration's new budget is the Franklin Community Action Corp. Programs designed to help low income families such as GED (General Equivalency Diploma), Legal Aid, Head Start, the Family Planning Center, Vista and many more are all endangered.

On March 22, a hearing before the Franklin County Commissioners was held to determine the impact on the FCAC brought on by the new budget.

The FCAC's chairman of the board of directors, William Hefner, began the evening by explaining that the FCAC had been set up to "eradicate poverty." He compared poverty to cancer and stated that research would be funded until a cure is found. "Poverty is an economic cancer," he said. The FCAC's "research" must continue until a cure is found.

The remainder of the evening gave individuals the chance to relate their personal experiences with the FCAC.

Mrs. Caroline Conway, a mother of seven children, had planned to build a home for her family. Property she owns had been cleared after she found she was eligible for money to build her house. She went on to say that through Nixon's proposed cuts it won't be possible and she will have to remain in her home which she termed "inadequate."

Mark Coffey, a counselor for the Neighborhood Youth Corps., believed it to be a "good program" for the young people because it gave them a productive summer and some money in their pockets. Desiree Conway said that through the Youth Corps. she had been able to work in the kitchen of the hospital during the summer. She enjoyed the job and the extra money she had earned.

Mrs. Barbara Favrieau of Orange, told how she hadn't been able to attend the classes in Greenfield for the GED program and special tutoring classes had been set up so she and others in her area could attend. Mrs. Ethel Case, director of community services at Greenfield Community College, spoke of how successful that program had been and hoped it will be able to continue.

Tenants told how the Legal Aid program had helped them in their efforts to get their landlords to make necessary repairs, advice on rent raises and to advise them of the rights of the tenant.

Lois Craig on the Board of Directors for five years, one of the many low income persons who were encouraged to participate in the FCAC, told of the FCAC's involvement with people, their concern for children and their fine efforts with the elderly and teenage problems.

Each testimony, throughout the evening, highly praised one of the Franklin Community Action Corps. programs, but perhaps more important, each person felt that this community cared about its people.

The hearing before the Franklin County Commissioners ended on the note that in 1966 they had begun the Franklin Community Action Corps. The feeling among everyone was that it wouldn't end there in 1973.

Financial Aid-

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students affected is not at this time a fact but only what the effects would be should these cutbacks become a reality.

All students concerned are urged to apply for their loans or grants as usual because no matter what happens to these programs — if anything at all — if students don't apply for these funds they have no chance of receiving any. The funds appropriated are based on how much of a demand there is for these funds and the students alone generate this demand. The student is cautioned once again not to conclude that these funds won't be available just because of the proposed cutbacks.

Dean Kier sees no effect on the veterans as a group if these proposed cutbacks should take place. There will be no decrease in VA educational benefits or disability compensation.

On March 27, a federal district court in Washington, D.C. ordered the U.S. Office of Education to take a major step in releasing $25 million in veterans cost-of-instruction funds — the so-called "Cranston" amendment funds.

The court ruled that USOE must publish regulations in the Federal Register not later than April 16th. USOE is also ordered to accept applications from colleges, process them "diligently", and approve those which are qualified, before June 30th.

While the court specifically ruled on the release of funds, attorneys for the college feel that there is a strong implication that the funds will be released. The suit was filed on behalf of the National Association of Collegiate Veterans, the Community College Section of the California School Board Association, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Further court action will be taken if necessary.

The Congressional Scene: There are still two unresolved questions in relation to Cranston funds: possible "rescission" of the funds by Congress, and adequate additional appropriations for the program for the next fiscal year, 1974." The President asked Congress to rescind or repeal the $25 million appropriated last year. So far neither house has acted on rescessions; action is hoped for by Easter. Many observers feel rescession is unlikely. Congress has not yet decided whether to appropriate funds for the program for the next fiscal year.

Margaret Campbell is willing to answer any questions that students may have relative to the proposed Federal Aid budget cuts. Interested students may meet with her on April 11th at 4 p.m. in the President's conferance room.

Montreal Vacation Planned

By KATHY HARTY

During the week of April 16, students will have the opportunity to take a trip to Montreal for three days and three nights.

The trip will cost between $40 and $60, depending on the number of people signed up with a $25 deposit paid by April 6. The rest of the money must be paid by Friday, April 13.

This money will cover the cost of the bus and the hotel. The student will have to pay for meals himself. At least twenty people are needed for this trip.

There are several tours and trips planned for the stay in Montreal. One of them is a trip to McGill University. McGill is one of the three major universities in Montreal. Another is a trip to Mount Royal, after which Montreal was named. It is a mountain in the middle of the city. There will be a tour of Montreal and Old Montreal. A trip to the Expo Islands is also included. Any suggestions are welcome.

There are many famous churches and cathedrals in Montreal. There are exhibits from the Museum of Fine Arts, Red Path Museum, and Wax Museum at the Grande Salle. There is an open air market, the Bonsecues. There is James Street, the "Wall Street of Canada", and Ste. Catherine Street.

Anyone interested in the trip can get further information in the Community Services Office in the Main Building, Room 01.

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authorizes assistance to schools in the form of construction grants, loan guarantees, interest subsidies for construction, financial distress grants, and capitation grants; and assistance to schools and other institutions for special project grants and contracts to strengthen educational programs and for start-up grants for new nurse training programs. Under this act, assistance to students is authorized for traineeship, loans, and scholarships. The major provisions of this Act are being drastically undercut, if not entirely phased out, by Nixon's Fy '74 budget request.

Similar developments have also occurred in the areas of allied & mental health.

One other area which has been affected by the impoundment of funds has been the so-called TRIO funds for disadvantaged students. Involved under this are Upward Bound, Talent Search, and Special Services for Disadvantaged Students. The types of students affected by this are underpriviledged, handicapped, veterans, and many more.

Counseling Center

Personal Counseling

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2nd Floor West Building

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The Yankee Chef

By CHERYL ANNE ROSE

Meatless Meals

With the high price of meat, and the boycott, more and more people are going to go on meatless diets.

Good nutrition is what counts when you are going meatless. Here are a few nutritious, tasty, and quick meals.

CHEESE PUFF

1/2 loaf white
or rye bread
1 lb. cheese
1 med. onion
2 cups milk

Leave bread out to become stale, then break into pieces; cut cheese into thin slices and in casserole dish, layer cheese and bread till dish is full. Dice onion and put on top. Put in 2 cups milk and cover. Cook at 350 for 45 minutes. Serves 6

SPANISH RICE

3 cups cooked rice
1 med. onion
1 pepper
2 cups stewed tomatoes
bacon fat or butter

Chop up onion and pepper, and fry lightly-stir in with stewed tomatoes, and mix altogether with rice. Put in table spoon of bacon fat or butter for flavor. Place in casserole, and cover top with spice or cheese to taste.

Cook in over till well heated. serves 6.

For added variation-fry rice with onions and pepper, and then place stewed tomatoes in and heat well. No need to use oven for this.

VEGETABLE STEW

1 large onion
2 peppers
1/2 head cabbage
4-5 carrots
7-8 med potatoes
1 sm. can mushrooms (if desired)
2 cans tomato soup
salt, pepper and spiced as you like

Prepare vegetable, and in pressure cooker. Slice and place in layers — pour in tomato soup, and cook till well done. Serves 6 cooking time-appx. 45 min.

A variation of this, is to cook vegetables in large broiler pan on top stove in oil and spices, cooking till tender—appx. 1 1/2 hours for this—stirring constantly.

TOMATO CHEESE FONDUE

2 cans tomato soup
4 tbs. spicy mustard
1 large onion
2 tbs. Worchestershire sauce
Dash salt and pepper
1 lb. cheese (American or cheddar)

Place soup in large pan, and stir in 1/2 can water. Grate cheese very fine, and chop onion fine — stir in all ingredients, and heat on low heat till all cheese is melted, and hot.

Serve on hot italian bread, crackers, or rice. Serves 6

Maloy's Men Good Golfers: Plan Putting Performance To Go Great Guns On Green

By MIKE NOONAN

"I think we will have a very good year," said GCC's golf coach, Bob Maloy, as he talked about the coming season. "In fact if everything falls together I think we will be really outstanding," he said.

Bob, although not making any predictions, talked every optimistically about his team which had the dubious distinction of being the only team to have a winning record at GCC last year. The Red Barons finished with a very respectable 5-2 record last season which was tops in the Western Division of the Community College Athletic Conference and then went on to place third in the state tournament for community and junior colleges. "With a few breaks we could have won it," said Maloy as he reflected on the state tourney.

This year's squad is almost the same as last year's with only one new face, Bob Sanderson, breaking into the probable starting six or seven.

The team is led by Jack Varner who is a 1966 graduate of Greenfield High School where he starred in his sport. Varner played three years of golf in the army after high school and now plays out of Greenfield Country Club. The 3 handicapper had a superlative year last season as he won every match he played.

Following Varner are Mark Fotopolos and Sanderson, who both also play out of Greenfield Country Club. Fotopolos is a graduate of Greenfield High and has about a 6 handicapp while Sanderson is a graduate of Frontier Regional and carries a 4 handicapp.

Next come John Gale, Gerry Olson, Hoyt Seabury and Brian Hawkes. Gale and Hawkes both play at Ellinwood Country Club where their handicapps are 9 and 15 respectively while Olson has about a 10 handicapp playing out of Pleasant Valley and Seabury, a Longmeadow High graduate, carries about a 12 handicapp.

Rounding out the squad are Mike McDonald, Joe Lachance, Tom Thompson, Jack Callahan, Forbes Byron, Keith Schempp and assistant coach Ted Boersma.

The team plays a very tough schedule with league matches against Springfield Tech, Holyoke, Berkshire and Mt. Wachusett along with independent matches with Stockbridge, Mattatuck and North Shore Community. They have their work cut out for them as Mattatuck and North Shore were state champions last year from Connecticut and Massachusetts respectively.

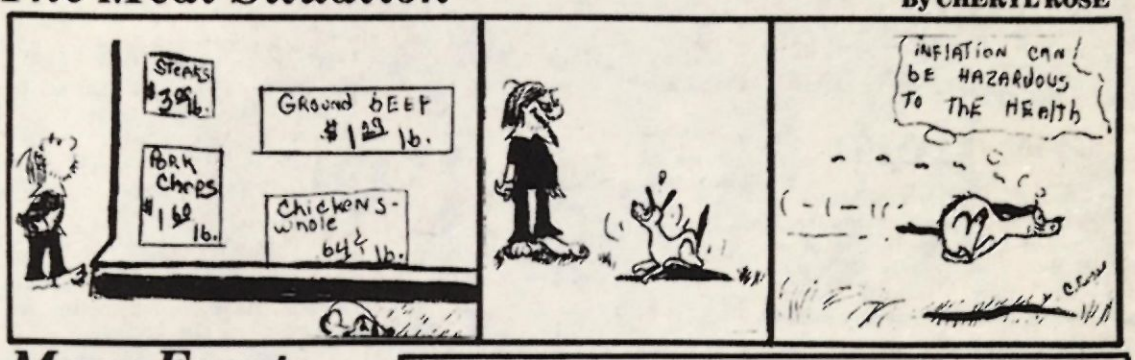
The team is really getting psyched up for the coming season because it will be the final one for the very popular Bob Maloy. Bob is the one who started golf at the college and the guys want to make his last season a successful one.

The Red Barons schedule is as follows:

April 25 GCC vs. Stockbridge and Holyoke at Holyoke
April 30 GCC vs. Mattatuck at Mattatuck
May 2 GCC vs. Mt. Wachusett at Oak Ridge
May 8 GCC vs. Holyoke at Oak Ridge
May 9 GCC vs. Stockbridge and Deerfield at Oak Ridge
May 11 GCC vs. Holyoke and Stockbridge at Hickery Ridge
May 15 GCC vs. Berkshire at Oak Ridge

The Meat Situation

By CHERYL ROSE



Many Events Announced For Spring Fling

By CINDY CHASE

On Friday April 27th, Saturday April 28th, and Sunday April 29th, the Spring Weekend will be held.

On Friday the 27th in the late afternoon, there will be a college-wide softball game at Camp Sheloy in Shelburne Falls. Refreshments will be served followed by a hootenany, an outdoor film, "Castle Keep."

On Saturday the 28th at the Miller Falls Rod and Gun Club, on Montague Rd., Turners Falls, there will be a rock concert from 2:30 to 5:30 featuring "Jona". Also, there will be a Bar-B-Q from 4 to 7, and for the first time alcholic beverages will be served. The alcohol can be purchased at the Bar-B-Q at a reasonable price.

The menu for the Bar-B-Q is hotdogs, hamburgers, potato salad and coleslaw. The from 8 to 12 there will be a dance featuring "Jes' Danday," back by popular demand. Some of the songs that will be playing are: Truckin' and Mama Tried, The Greatful Dead; Don't do It, The Band; Johnny Be Goode, Chuck Berry, and many many more. This whole activity will be held rain or shine. In case of rain, it will be held in the pavilion. The cost is $1.00 and this includes everything. If the tickets are not purchased by April 27th, the tickets will go up to $2.00 per person. Tickets may be purchased at the Campus Center.

On Sunday the 29th there will be canoeing at Lake Matawa in Orange, from 2 to 4. Also, there will be free tickets to the Connecticut Regional Ballet Company, featuring, Strauss's "Graduation Ball," and Rachmanionoff's "Unfinished Rapsody." This is sponsored by the Performing Arts Council in cooperation with the college. The free tickets can be picked up in the Activities Office or the President's office in the main building. This will be held the 29th at the Greenfield High School at 7:00 p.m.

The Activities Committee would also like to have people who are interested in working on the Activities Committee next year get in touch with Debbie Neal or Brian Gilmore. Work on this committee would include planning the coffee houses, films, spring weekend, fall picnic, and the orientation weekend. This is the only way to improve these activities, so if you are interested please contact these people

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Rescuing the world from its problems is easier said than done, but a small group of dedicated men believe it's possible. What's more they formed a club to help do it. It's called the Club of Rome and its 75 members are eminent scientists, industrialists, economists and educators from 25 different nations. The April SCIENCE DIGEST says their chief goal is to evaluate and solve world problems such as overpopulation, pollution and the energy crisis.

Cultural Events Study

The Performing Arts Council would like to know how interested people in Franklin County are in cultural events. The following questionnaire will help provide the Council with this information. Please fill it out and return to the Student Activities Office. This is a preliminary survey, so any suggestions for improving the questionnaire are welcomed, but please be as brief as possible.

1. Do you feel that Franklin County has enough cultural entertainment to fulfill its needs? ——yes ——no

2. What do you prefer in the way of cultural entertainment? Check as many as desired.

- ☐ Ballet
- ☐ Opera
- ☐ Dance companies
- ☐ Music
  - ☐ Folk
  - ☐ Rock
  - ☐ Pop
  - ☐ Classical
  - ☐ Other (please specify)
- ☐ Art exhibits
- ☐ Plays
- ☐ Musicals
- ☐ Science exhibits
- ☐ Famous entertainers
- ☐ Guest speakers on various subjects
- ☐ Poets
- ☐ Other (please specify)

3. How far would you travel to attend such events?
Less than 5 miles——
Five to 10 miles——
Ten to 15 miles——
Over 15 miles——

4. Do you presently attend such events in the Franklin County area? ——yes ——no

Approximately how far to you travel to attend such events?
0 to 10 miles——
10 to 20 miles——
20 to 30 miles——
over 30 miles——

Do you attend such events mostly
——in Franklin County ——Outside Franklin County

5. Do you often hear of events (concerts, art shows, etc.) after they have happened? ——yes ——no

Is there a need for better publicity? ——yes ——no

6. Do you think the schools should do more to interest children in culture? ——yes ——no

7. What town do you live in?

8. What is your age?
15 to 20 years——
21 to 30 years——
30 to 40 years——
over 40 years——

10. Do you have any comments or suggestions on either the questionnaire or the subject matter? Please print or type and please be as brief as possible.

Graduation Fete

By MARIANNE PAZMINO

GCC graduation is to be held on Saturday, June 2 this year. The ceremony will be at 2 p.m. and is to be followed by a barbecue. Dean Keir estimated that each graduate will receive three free tickets to the barbecue for family and friends. If he desires any additional tickets, the cost will be $2.000 or $2.50 per ticket.

Another item of interest to graduates is the annual Honors Convivium for dean's list students. This is a banquet to be held Thursday May 17. To qualify for the banquet, a student must be a full or part time student currently enrolled at GCC. He must be a candidate for graduation and have completed 30 credits

Paper Recycling

Newspaper and magazines placed at the curb will be picked up on this schedule:

Monday rubbish route— First Friday
Tuesday rubbish route— Second Friday
Wednesday rubbish route Third Friday
Thursday & Friday rubbish route Fourth Friday
Collections Begin at 7 A.M.

GLASS RECYCLING

Take to Greenfield Sanitary Landfill Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Campus Crime Low Here

By DAVE McCARTHY

On most college campuses, September is the beginning of a whole new year, a time to begin keeping new records and composing new facts and statistics. September is also the month when campus crimes start their upward trek. Each year brings about new statistics, generally higher than the previous year.

Crime is one fact that never seems to go down statistically.

Here at Greenfield Community College, we may have a problem with parking which results in students making a visit to the local Clerk of Courts to pay a very unpopular fine, but we do not have a problem with students facing the Clerk for reasons other than parking.

A comparison was made of the student crime rate here at GCC and at the much larger University of Massachusetts. Our 1200 students as compared to the 24,000 students at UMass fared very well. The crime rate here at GCC is less than 2 per cent monthly, on a per 1000 student ratio. UMass has an average of 225 criminal complaints monthly, not including motor vehicle violations.

This figure based on a 9 month year averages out to approximately 84 complaints per 1000 students. Our average at GCC is about 12 complaints per 1,000 students.

A comparison was attempted between community colleges of our size without success. Replies from these colleges came back with scapegoat answers such as "figures are not compiled" or "statistics are not kept" etc.

UMass has their own police department and security force which deal only with crimes on campus and therefore have accurate facts and figures available. The UMass Police receive approximately 2000 criminal complaints a year, ranging from vandalism and petty larceny to rape and robbery. Of these complaints, petty larceny — stealing property of a value of less than $100 — is the most committed crime, with auto theft second.

At GCC vandalism tops the list with petty larceny second. Serious crimes are more prevalent at UMass than at GCC. We have had a problem with individuals breaking into GCC buildings and stealing college property. On many occasions this property is eventually recovered, and a student or students charged.

One reason complaints at GCC are so minimal is because many students do not report stolen items or other complaints to the proper authority. All complaints of crimes are supposed to be reported to Charles W. Carter, director of physical plant. Carter in turn reports the complaint to the proper police authority if he feels police involvement is warranted. This proper procedure has worked in the past to the benefit of the students.

Carter also is in charge of handing out the infamous $5.00 parking ticket and as a result is not the most popular member of the college faculty. He also is the fellow that just may locate your wallet or other valuable the next time it is stolen.

If he doesn't know that it has been stolen then he cannot do his job

It's Election Time Again

By MIKE CONERY

Well it's getting to be student government election time again.

Who cares?

Looking at past elections, practically nobody. There are some good people running. If they are willing to spend their time and effort the least the students can do is get off their butts and vote.

Three students have filed nomination papers for student commission, to serve on the student advisory committee, (SAC). It is composed of one student from each community college in the state and sends one member to sit in on the "Massachusetts Board of higher education".

Andy Thibault sees student participation as one of the most important problems facing the college. He would like to establish better lines of communication between the student government and the student. "The student is not aware of what activities and services are offered to them". To help alleviate the parking problem, Andy suggests removing the parking meters around the school as one possible solution. He feels that his experience in communications will help him to conduct and organize student affairs.

Pat DeBoard is not running on a set. "The student commissioner is a representative office, the most important feature of which is a good set of ears." Popular opinion, he feels, is more important than any personal crusades. He would like to explore the possibilities of increasing the student vote on the board of trustees. "I think the students should have more control over their lives, and the student commissioner can be a useful tool to be used by the student body", he says.

John Pearsall believes that balance of power is against the student. As student commissioner he would "guard student rights and make sure that they have more control over their own affairs." He is open to any suggestions from students. The new parking regulations, he feels are useless: "They haven't addressed the problem, but only placed the burden on the student."

Only two people have submitted nomination papers for student council president. Bruce Gamache has served in student government for the past year. He would like it to have more power. At the present time the student activity budget is approved only after the fact he says. He would like to see the student council have a voice in the allocation of the budget.

He sees the major issues as improved health plan and legal aid. "The present health plan is ridiculous considering the needs of the students. He said there are cases of students being refused hospital care because the insurance company did not issue policy numbers. He sees the legal aid system primarily assisting students with landlord hassles and contract disputes.

If elected he says he will insist on "complete participation and support of the Massachusetts Community College Student Union and the S.A.C: "They are absolutely vital to the college". The machinery is available, he feels, to allow proper recourse for student demands.

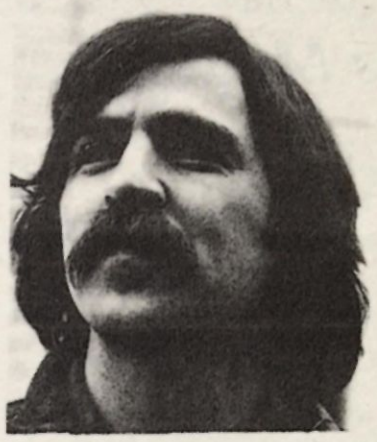
Donna Oates would like to see the student council represent the majority of students rather than the powerful minorities. She blames the lack of student participation at activities on the fact that a questionnaire given to students about the type of activities they would like, is not being followed. "I don't believe that the majority of students want the kind of activities that are being offered, she says. Donna was instrumental in developing the student catalogues published last semester. The student council adopted into the bylaws a resolution to produce the catalogues — "But that's all they've done". They've done nothing to make the new editions a reality. If elected, Donna would like to stay in a neutral position with the Administration. She admits that being a woman might be detrimental to her election. She cites the dismal performance of past women candidates. Donna hopes that as president she could improve publicity for Community services of the college such as the ecology club.

There are six student representative seats vacant: four in liberal arts and one business seat are as yet to be sought by any formal candidates.

Joe Sokul is the only candidate who has filled nomination papers. He is running to represent the civil technology, environmental sciences, and computer sciences programs. He is running because he does not feel that his major is not getting a fair share of the student activity money.

It is still possible to elect write-in candidates. Anyone who receives votes from over 10 per cent of the students in his particular major will be allowed to sit on the council even though formal nomination papers were not filled.

The Candidates



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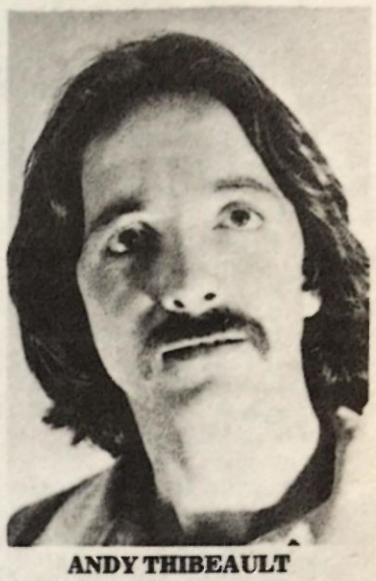

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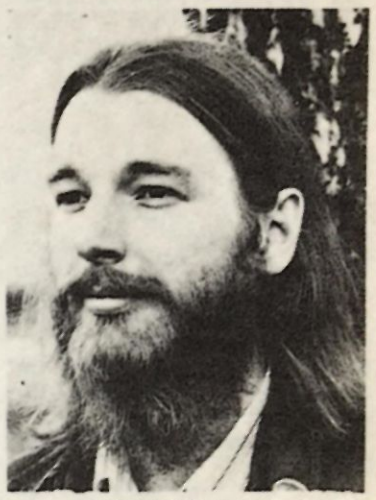

JOHN PEARSALL

China Visitor To GCC

By CINDY CHASE

Russell Johnson, program secretary for the New England Region, American Friends, will talk on "Personal Report On China and Visit With Prince Sihanouk on April 26, 1973 at 11:00 a.m. in the GCC auditorium.

Johnson and his wife Irene returned in October 1, 1971 from a 30 day visit in the Peoples Republic of China at the invitation from Prince Norodom Sihanouk, Chief of State of The Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia. From August 13 to September 13 he travelled to southern central and northern China and as far west as Yenan, visiting factories, communes, schools, universities, hospitals and talking with a wide variety of Chinese people.

A selection of 160 colored slides of China today depict this experience. While returning, he journeyed from Peking to Moscow on the 6,000 mile trans-Siberian railway.

Saddle shoes were kicking and pony tails flying at the Hatfield Barn March 29, the night of the Greenfield Community College Greaser dance.

GREASERS live it up at the Hatfield Barn. Notice the decadence of the dancers holding each other in public embrace. More progressive dances separate the sexes during their gyrations. — Forumfoto by Kathryn Lebert.

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Remember you can order your ring at any time!